Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Heart disease is the leading cause of death in the United States and more than 64 million Americans are currently diagnosed with some type of cardiovascular disease; and,

Whereas, Children are at a higher risk of developing heart disease than ever before because of increasingly sedentary lifestyle and unhealthy diets; and,

Whereas, Over 15 percent of American children, ages 6-19, are obese, putting them at risk for high blood pressure, high cholesterol, and diabetes; and,

Whereas, Many factors that contribute to the development of heart disease are preventable through a nutritious diet and regular diet; and,

Whereas, Increased awareness about the causes of heart disease can improve overall health for adults and children:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim September 26, 2004, as

WORLD HEART DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-fourth Day of September in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State